

Town of Austerlitz
Town Board Meeting
January 16, 2014

Present: Robert Lagonia, Supervisor, Matthew Verenazi, Jon Mesick, Greg Vogler, Town Board Members, Robert Meehan, Highway Superintendent, and Susan Haag, Town Clerk, Attorney for the Town, Joseph Catalano.

Town Board Member Bryan Geel absent.

Regular meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Moment of Silence, followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A motion to accept the December 12, 2013 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes, the December 30, 2013 End of Year Meeting minutes and the January 2, 2014 Organizational Meeting minutes was made by J. Mesick and seconded by M. Verenazi.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried.

Budget Amendment

Supervisor Lagonia noted the following minor append to 2013 end of year amendments.

General Fund

	Increase-Appropriations Decrease-Est. Revenue	Increase-Est. Revenues Decrease-Appropriations
Town Board A 1010.4	33.00	
Town Justice A 1110.1	1.00	
Town Justice A 1110.4	350.00	
Assessor A 1355.4	158.00	
Clerk A 1410.4	1.00	
Record Management A 1460.4	825.00	
Buildings A 1620.4	563.00	
Unallocated Insurance A 1910.4	1.00	
Traffic Control A 3310.4	1.00	
Building Inspector A 3620.4	385.00	
Garage A 5132.4	2,422.00	
Parks A 7140.4	18.00	
Youth Programs A 7310.1	1.00	
Youth Programs A 7310.4	1.00	

Zoning A 8010.4	1.00	
Justice Clerk A 1110.11		258.00
Disability Insurance A 9055.8		297.00
Hospital/Medical Insurance A 9060.8		4,206.00
Total	<u>4,761.00</u>	<u>4,761.00</u>

Highway Fund

	Increase-Appropriations Decrease-Est. Revenue	Increase-Est. Revenues Decrease-Appropriations
Hospitalization DA 9060.8		3,371.00
General Repairs DA 5110.4	1,435.00	
Machinery DA 5130.4	1,936.00	
Total	<u>3,371.00</u>	<u>3,371.00</u>

A motion to authorize Supervisor Robert Lagonia to append the 2013 End of Year Budget Amendments to the 2013 budget was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by G. Vogler.

R. Lagonia: yes
 B. Geel: absent
 J. Mesick: yes
 M. Verenazi: yes
 G. Vogler: yes
 Motion carried.

Auditing of Accounts and Claims

A motion to approve 2013 General Fund #451-471, in the amount of \$6847.64, 2013 Highway Fund #283-294, in the amount of \$6069.62, 2014 General Fund #1-16, in the amount of \$6375.35, and 2014 Highway Fund #1-2, in the amount of \$1438.01 was made by G. Vogler and seconded by J. Mesick.

R. Lagonia: yes
 B. Geel: absent
 J. Mesick: yes
 M. Verenazi: yes
 G. Vogler: yes
 Motion carried.

Reports

Monthly Cash Disbursement and Supervisor Report

Year End Budget Reports for the 2013 year were submitted. Supervisor Lagonia noted that there is \$63643.49 in the Ellsworth Kelly Fund, and \$488023.72 cash on hand. There is still an outstanding Sales Tax check due. Supervisor Lagonia advised that financially the Town is in good shape, and the Town Board should strive to keep it this way by not spending the

accumulated cushion. The Town may need this money if an emergency arises. Individual budget line items were discussed.

Supervisor Lagonia continued by noting that bridges on East Hill Road and Harvey Mountain still needed funding. The culvert replacement for Harvey Mountain is estimated to cost between \$80000.00 and \$115000.00. A temporary culvert has been put in for the winter. Again, even though the Town has money on hand, this is still an expense that will need to be taken care of. In addition, the Town Board needs to consider a new salt shed, new highway equipment because some of the current fleet is getting tired. On target for purchase is a new truck for Highway Superintendent Meehan and a grader. R. Meehan was very accommodating and gave the Town Board a tour of the Highway Garage.

Supervisor Lagonia continued advising that he has begun work with Laura Sager from Columbia County Soil and Water to secure grant funding for the Harvey Mountain bridge replacement project. Preliminary documents have been submitted for review. This bridge will be replaced regardless. Engineer for the Town, Paul McCreary, has looked at both the East Hill bridge and the Harvey Mountain bridge. It was only a cursory look at this point.

Supervisor Lagonia has also spoken with Nick VanAlstyne, Director of the Spencertown Academy, concerning using this area for Town office space.

There was an email concerning a Certificate of Occupancy issue for G. Mesick and T. Mulligan on Goodrich Lane. This matter has been referred to Attorney for the Town, Joseph Catalano, who is working with the Mesick/Mulligan attorney to resolve this in a manner satisfactory for all involved.

Supervisor Lagonia has met with Technology 4 All, Laurie Quinn, to discuss IT issues for the Town Hall which includes off sight storage of electronic files, a new website, email list for community eBlasts, etc. A proposal will be coming.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Superintendent Meehan reported that it has been a tough month with weather changes really tearing up the roads. The ground needs a good freeze so that the heavy trucks stop making the deep groves. The Highway Crew has been fixing potholes and the overall condition of the roads in general.

The Town was given a one year time frame for fixing the Harvey Mountain bridge, because that is all the allotted time given for the temporary culvert. Superintendent Meehan wants to make sure the Town stays on top of this issue and all the necessary components are in place to begin the permanent replacement in June.

Supervisor Lagonia advised that either C.H.I.P.S. or grant money will pay for this replacement. Once the Town is notified of the C.H.I.P.S. award, the Town Board will discuss the funding in more depth.

Michael McClintock has emailed R. Meehan concerning a drainage issue on his property that has water running out onto Stonewall Road. Superintendent Meehan advised the Town Board that it has been a policy that the property owner pays for the first culvert placed on their property, but the Highway Crew will put the culvert in at no charge. After this, the Town will maintain this culvert and will purchase and replace the mentioned culvert at no charge if necessary. This was discussed with M. McClintock who will not buy the first culvert.

The Town Board discussed this policy and asked if it was in writing anywhere.

Town Board Member G. Vogler questioned if money was figured in the budget for this type of expense and whether or not this is the type of project would be included on the Highway Form 284. Superintendent Meehan noted that this would not be on a 284 form list if M. McClintock does not buy the culvert.

R. Meehan noted that the Town's Highway Department usually puts in these culverts because the job needs to be done correctly since the area in question connects to a Town road and drainage needs to be properly controlled. Attorney for the Town Catalano confirmed that this is typically done in other municipalities. Discussion centered on whether this was a repair versus a new install because this property is already in existence, how a culvert is purchased, by whom, and how delivered, etc.

Attorney Catalano had concerns since the current water flow from M. McClintock's property is already causing problems on a Town road and there may be liability issues for the Town.

Member Vogler questioned the labor cost of our Highway Crew to perform this job and whether or not this should come into play and be paid by the resident. Attorney Catalano advised that typically a driveway and culvert is in a Town's right-of-way, part of the Town's highway and drainage jurisdiction, which would place labor cost under the Town. At this point, the Town can pay for the culvert, but that would be against a current Town policy. Supervisor Lagonia is not in favor of setting a precedent and costing the Town additional money. Town Board Member Mesick would like the resident to pay for the labor as well to which Supervisor Lagonia noted that the Town of Austerlitz is a small community, taxes are high, and maybe a, "not to exceed dollar figure", could be set for future labor costs. The cost of the culvert would be paid by the resident. Town Board Member Verenazi agreed with Supervisor Lagonia.

The Town Board discussed how culverts are put in and the materials used.

Supervisor Lagonia asked that this culvert policy be put in writing and a letter be sent to M. McClintock noting the culvert price and that M. McClintock would be responsible for this amount.

A motion to have the Attorney for the Town, Joseph Catalano, draft a proposed policy concerning the installation of driveway culverts and to address a letter to Michael McClintock regarding the current situation with his property was made by J. Mesick and seconded by G. Vogler.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent
J. Mesick: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
G. Vogler: yes
Motion carried.

Town Clerk Report for the month of December 2013 submitted.

Planning Board Report for the month of December 2013 submitted.

Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee “Working for the Future” Report for the 2014 year submitted. Rob will attend the meeting next week.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Report for the month of December 2013 submitted.

Justice Cassuto Justice Court Report for the month of December 2013 submitted.

No Dog Report for the month of December 2013 submitted. Supervisor Lagonia noted the shelter agreement was signed with Pondview Country Kennels in East Nassau.

A motion to accept the above reports was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by J. Mesick.
R. Lagonia: yes
B. Geel: absent
J. Mesick: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
G. Vogler: yes
Motion carried.

Correspondence

NYMIR Proposed Rate Adjustments for 2014, rates to decrease.

IRS 2014 Standard Mileage Rates set at .56 cents per mile.

Unfinished Business

2014 Shared Service Agreement Code Enforcement

Supervisor Lagonia advised that he has spoken with the Supervisors for the Towns of Canaan and Hillsdale concerning the Shared Service Agreement for Code Enforcement. This shared service arrangement will continue, but the current agreement needs to have some sections clarified and have the appropriate numbers corrected.

Zanconato Demolition Update

Attorney for the Town, Joseph Catalano, reiterated the project file and paper trail, noting that the time frame for B. Zanconato to complete the required demolition has expired. Attorney Catalano will look into this project to make sure that all was done in accordance with law, thereby tabling the bidding process. Attorney Catalano will also speak with Attorney Tal Rappleyea. It is

important that the Town is very careful and not exposed to any liability. The bidding process may be more fruitful in the Spring.

Supervisor Lagonia noted that this is new ground for the Town and the Town Board needs to make sure this project is done 100% the right way. The bidding process is tabled. Code Enforcement Officer Lee Heim has not heard from B. Zanconato, but did send him a letter advising that this project will go out for bid. Attorney Catalano will send a letter to B. Zanconato prompting him to follow-up and perform the required work.

Town Board Member Vogler questioned CEO Heim if he was comfortable with the delay to which L. Heim indicated yes.

2014 Policies

Supervisor Lagonia presented the following new policy to the Town Board for review and approval:

Equipment and Computer Use Policy

All property, equipment, accounts, materials, and supplies owned by the Town of Austerlitz, including but not limited to, computers, Internet access, email accounts, fax lines, phones, and motorized or mechanical equipment, shall be used for Town of Austerlitz municipal purposes only. The use of all Town equipment or electronic capability may be subject at any time upon order of the Supervisor or Town Board to an audit. Furthermore, the use of personally owned motorized and mechanical equipment shall not be used for municipal purposes without the written approval of the Town Supervisor and only after appropriate insurance has been obtained.

Attorney Catalano advised this is a typical policy for all towns.

It was noted that currently, Highway Superintendent Meehan is using his personal truck when working for the Town until the Town Board authorizes the purchase of a new vehicle. Town Board Member Vogler would like our insurance company to be contacted advising them to add R. Meehan's personal truck to our Town policy.

Supervisor Lagonia advised that there is an immediate exemption for Highway Superintendent Meehan authorizing the use of his personal vehicle. R. Lagonia will inform our insurance agent and will have R. Meehan's truck added to our Town policy.

A motion to adopt the new Equipment and Computer Use Policy as stated was made by G. Vogler and seconded by M. Verenazi.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried.

2014 Town Accountant Contract

A motion to authorize Supervisor Robert Lagonia to sign the 2014 Town Accountant Contract with Brian P. Fitzgerald, CPA PC, was made by G. Vogler and seconded by J. Mesick.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried.

Playground Bid Package

Supervisor Lagonia met with Engineer for the Town Paul McCreary from Morris Associates to discuss the bid package for the Town's playground area, and the December 2013 bill the Town Board declined to pay. After looking at an email trail provided by P. McCreary, it became obvious that P. McCreary was asking questions that were not answered. The bid package that the Town requested at the time was completed and delivered to the Town. Originally, the Town asked for a bid package for a full blown complete project, and then asked for a second bid package that was scaled down, which was done. Because it is clear that P. McCreary had done what was requested of him, Supervisor Lagonia would like the Town Board to reconsider the payment of the Morris Associates outstanding bill.

Supervisor Lagonia continued advising that there is roughly \$63000.00 and change left in the Ellsworth Kelly Fund which is not enough to cover the current proposed project. There would be a shortfall of approximately \$25000.00. R. Lagonia has spoken with Jack Shear who would like to see this project moved forward, especially the tennis court shear up. R. Lagonia asked the Town Board which part of the work that needs to be done, if any, the Town Board would like to bid out since the Town has been holding this money for years and it needs to be used.

Town Board Member Greg Vogler stated that there are a number of potential projects in Town that will need to be taken care of sooner rather than later and will use the Town's savings up. With the \$25000.00 shortfall, the playground project may not be the place to put the savings because it is not a priority project. Town Board Member John Mesick would like to make sure that the Ellsworth Kelly donation is used at the playground, because that is where this money was directed to go in the first place. J. Mesick would like this project to move forward because the Town has had this money for too long, and he does not want to see the money used for more engineering fees. Supervisor Lagonia advised the Town Board where a portion of the Ellsworth Kelly donation has been spent to date.

The Town Board discussed the project, bid specs, and how it wanted to move forward.

A motion to authorize advertisement for bids for the Town Park Project pursuant to the contract bid package prepared by Morris Associates so that bids are advertised to be opened at the Town Board Meeting on February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with the Town Board to have a minimum of 60 days to award bids was made by J. Mesick and seconded by M. Verenazi with the right to reject all bids.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
G. Vogler: yes
Motion carried.

Town Board Member Vogler requested to see costs of all potential town and highway projects and to understand what monies the Town Board is going to use for these projects.

Supervisor Lagonia also noted that Morris Associates is available to help plot GPS spots on State Route 203 and 22 for where the speed sign will be placed.

A motion to pay the outstanding Morris Associates bill for services rendered was made by R. Lagonia and seconded by M. Verenazi.

R. Lagonia: yes
B. Geel: absent
J. Mesick: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
G. Vogler: yes
Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

A motion to appoint Karl Gabosh to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a five year term expiring December 31, 2018 was made by R. Lagonia and seconded by M. Verenazi.

R. Lagonia: yes
B. Geel: absent
J. Mesick: yes
M. Verenazi: yes
G. Vogler: yes
Motion carried.

Resolution 32-2014

Supervisor Lagonia reminded the Town Board that at the Organizational Meeting, the Town Board approved Resolution 16-2014 with the understanding that changes would be made after follow-up and consideration of sections contained in the resolution. R. Lagonia has spoken with Insurance Coordinator, Steve Acciani, concerning the health and dental portion. It was noted that then Supervisor Braley, S. Acciani, and Highway Clerk, Mary Davis, met with the Highway Crew to go over the 2014 insurance plan. The Highway Crew was told that the Town would pay for deductibles. The current Members of the Town Board noted they were not aware of this stipulation and it was not in writing anywhere. Supervisor Lagonia would like to make sure that the Highway Crew are given what they were told and also make sure they understand the complete benefit package. It is not fair to take away something that was promised, but the Town Board and the Highway Crew need a clear understanding of what the policies are. The Town Board reviewed proposed Resolution 32-2014, Highway Employee Wages, Benefits, and Employment Policies. Sections were amended.

A motion to adopt Resolution 32-2014 Highway Employee Wages, Benefits, and Employment Policies as amended was made by J. Mesick and seconded by G. Vogler.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried.

Resolution 32-2014 Highway Employee Wages, Benefits, and Employment Policies (as amended)

WHEREAS, the Town Board at its organizational meeting held on January 2, 2014, adopted a number resolutions pertaining to organizational matters of the Town for the year 2014 and one such resolution (Resolution #16-2014) pertained to the Town's Highway employees wages, benefits and employment policies that would apply to their employment by the Town in 2014; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the organizational meeting, it was found that the wording of Resolution # 16-2014 was somewhat confusing and did not specifically address all the necessary terms thereby leading to potential inaccuracies in the administration of Highway employees wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS, in order to correct and clarify Highway employee wages, benefits and employment policies, the Town Board deems it necessary and appropriate to adopt a new resolution regarding Highway employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby rescinds Resolution # 16-2014 in its entirety and hereby adopts the following to replace said resolution for the organizational year of 2014 with the following terms regarding the wages, benefits and employment policies for current Highway employees of the Town of Austerlitz:

a. Wages: Wages shall be increased by 4.0% over the wages received by said current Highway employees in the year 2013 and the starting salary for new Motor Equipment Operators (MEO) (all current Highway employees are MEO's) shall be \$13.50 per hour; and the Foreman designated by Highway Superintendent shall receive an additional \$0.50 per hour;

b. Vacation: (i) completion of one year full-time employment, Highway employee shall be entitled to five (5) days of paid vacation; (ii) completion of two years full-time employment, Highway employee shall be entitled to ten (10) days of paid vacation; (iii) completion of seven years full-time employment, Highway employee shall be entitled to fifteen (15) days of paid vacation; (iv) completion of full-time employment in excess of seven years, Highway employee shall be entitled to one (1) additional day of paid

vacation for every additional year of full-time employment up to five (5) additional days; (v) the maximum paid vacation days for any Highway employee per the previous schedule shall be twenty (20);

c. Paid Holidays: Highway employees shall be entitled to the following paid holidays for 2014: New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day; said holidays will be paid only if the employee works the day immediately prior to and after such holiday or holiday weekend unless they are on a previously approved vacation or personal day or have a sick day with doctor's note;

d. Sick days: Each current full-time employee is entitled to five (5) paid sick days per year; sick days may accumulate and carry over from year to year up to a maximum of 80; and any employee seeking paid sick days in excess of three (3) days requires a doctor's note or such days will not be paid or personal days will be charged;

e. Personal days: Each full-time employee is entitled to a maximum of five (5) personal days per year; said personal days can not be carried over from year to year and must be utilized in the current year or will be waived; notice must be given to the Highway Superintendent at least the day before a personal day is taken in order to be paid;

f. Bereavement: Each full-time employee is entitled to three (3) days paid for immediate family members (parents, siblings, children);

g. Medical Insurance: The Town will pay 100% of individual or family coverage for Highway employees that are grandfathered under such policy; the Town will pay 75% of individual or family coverage for all other full-time employees with the other 25% of such cost contributed by each employee via pro-rata deductions from bi-weekly paychecks; the Town will pay 100% of medical insurance deductibles for the year 2014; employees are responsible to pay all co-pays under the insurance policy; any current full-time employee who elects not to participate in the Town's health insurance shall be entitled to receive \$2,000 at the end of the year provided such employee has worked full-time for the entire year;

h. Retirement: Mandatory enrollment shall be made for all full-time employees with the Town contribution set by the State; part-time employees will have the option for enrollment but the Town shall not make any contribution;

i. Clothing Allowance: Full-time employees shall have a clothing allowance for 2014 at a maximum of \$300 for the purchase of apparel, gloves, boots, used on the Highway job, provided receipts are submitted for same.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2014.

New Business

Association of Towns Annual Meeting Certificate of Designation

A motion to appoint Greg Vogler as the voting delegate at the 2014 Association of Town Annual Meeting on February 19, 2014 for the Town of Austerlitz was made by R. Lagonia and seconded by J. Mesick.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried.

Highway Equipment Inventory

Supervisor Lagonia submitted a Highway Equipment Inventory noting that the Town needed to purchase a new truck for Highway Superintendent Meehan for daily business. There is currently a \$50000.00 line item in the budget for equipment. R. Lagonia suggested that the Town lease a new truck so there is money left in this line item for other equipment purchases.

Supervisor Lagonia also noted that the bond for the new Highway Garage will be paid off in 2017. R. Lagonia would like a bonding agent to speak with the Town Board during a meeting to help all members understand the bonding process.

The Town Board discussed different types of funding, whether or not a State bid is available, and whether or not bidding is necessary.

2014 Enhance Patrol

Columbia County Sheriff Deputy Proper explained how the Enhanced Patrol Program works and the contract that the Town had with the County Sheriff's Department. Normally, a given Town signs a yearly contract, and then sets up days/times when patrols will take place and where those patrols will concentrate within the Town; ie, sometimes on a Town road, in the Spencertown Hamlet or on the Taconic Parkway, etc. Supervisor Lagonia noted the costs to the Town for this program. Because of the time of year, Supervisor Lagonia has stopped the Enhanced Patrol until the Town Board understands what the Town is paying and where the Town Board would like the patrols to sit. Supervisor Lagonia supports this program. Town Board Member Verenazi does not feel it is necessary this time of year to have heavy patrolling, but by February patrols should pick up. Supervisor Lagonia and Deputy Proper will work out a schedule which will start in February. Member Vogler agreed that it makes more sense to patrol when the traffic is heavier, usually April through September.

Highway Truck Bid

The Town Board would like to put out a bid package for a new highway truck or an RFP to dealers for leasing. The consensus of the Town Board was to put a bid package together and send it out.

Highway Form 284

Attorney for the Town, Joseph Catalano explained that a Highway Form 284 is a mandated and statutory agreement between the Town Board and the Highway Superintendent agreeing towards projects to be accomplished each year. Without this agreement in place, there are liability issues at stake for both the Town and the Highway Superintendent. Austerlitz does not have a history of putting this agreement in place. Therefore, Attorney Catalano is working with Highway Superintendent Meehan and Supervisor Lagonia to rectify this and have in place for the February Town Board Meeting. This form includes estimates, not actual costs, and can be modified throughout the year.

Conference/Schooling Attendance

A motion allowing necessary and appropriate training for Town Officials without prior Town Board approval was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by G. Vogler. Officials to include Town Board Members, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Planning Board Members, Planning Board Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer, Highway Superintendent and Assessor.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried.

Public Comments

Charles VanderWeit noted that the bridges on West Hill and Harvey Mountain have been an issue for years. C. VanderWeit paid for the first culvert on his property and R. Meehan replaced that years later at no cost to C. VanderWeit.

C. VanderWeit asked who the Town signed a dog shelter agreement with and the parameters of this new agreement.

Concerning the playground bid package and the Ellsworth Kelly donation, C. VanderWeit noted that the flag pole on the Greene was replaced by Ellsworth Kelly and Jack Shear. There is a sense of disappointment in the community that the mentioned donation has not been used completely.

C. VanderWeit also questioned the money to offset the Enhanced Patrol cost. Supervisor Lagonia advised that there is money to offset the cost of the Enhanced Patrol. Further, Supervisor Lagonia advised that the new Town Board Meeting time of the third Thursday of each month is now permanent.

Howard Reznikoff thanked the Town Board for putting the meeting agenda on the Town website.

Constance Mondel stated that she hopes between the speed sign placed on State Route 203, and Deputy Proper's presence, that the traffic throughout the Spencertown Hamlet will be kept at 40 mph. Highway Superintendent Meehan hopes the speed sign will help with the speeding through the Hamlet as well. R. Meehan noted that the Highway Clerk has a program that goes along with the speed sign that records and graphs the speeds as cars pass the sign.

Attorney Report

Attorney Catalano thanked the Town Board for appointing him Attorney for the Town and is looking forward to working with the Town of Austerlitz. J. Catalano has been in contact with Attorney Rapplelea going over pending issues, especially the Benjamin Strouse litigation.

Attorney Catalano advised that the Town Board could contact him at any time. It is better to hit issues early because it saves time and money later on.

Highway Superintendent Meehan noted the Fizzinoglia lawsuit.

Executive Session

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Benjamin Strouse litigation was made by G. Vogler and seconded by M. Verenazi.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried. Executive Session entered at 9:20 p.m.

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by R. Lagonia and seconded by M. Verenazi

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried. Executive Session was exited at 9:48 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by M. Verenazi and seconded by R. Lagonia.

R. Lagonia: yes

B. Geel: absent

J. Mesick: yes

M. Verenazi: yes

G. Vogler: yes

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan A. Haag, Town Clerk

